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SUBJECT: INCIDENTS BETWEEN ARVN SOLDIERS AND ICCS PERSONNEL

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1. FOUR 122 MM ROCKETS HIT THE CHI LANG NATIONAL TRAINING
CENTER MARCH 17, KILLING 4 AND WOUNDING 18.
2. THE TRI TON ICCS TEAM, WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL FOUR
COUNTRIES, ACCOMPANIED BY US AND GVN TRI TON FPJMC TEAM MEMBERS
WENT TO CHI LANG TO INVESTIGATE THE INCIDENT MARCH 18.
AS THEY WERE GOING THROUGH A DEPENDENT HOUSING AREA INSIDE THE
COMPOUND NEAR WHERE THE ROCKETS IMPACTED, THEY PASSED SOME
DRUNKEN SOLDIERS. THE SOLDIERS, POSSIBLY RELATIVES OF THE
ROCKETING VICTIMS, ATTACKED THE PARTY. A CANADIAN WAS KICKED AND
A POLE WAS STRUCK BEFORE THE FIGHT COULD BE BROKEN UP. THE ICCS
AND FPJMC RETURNED TO TRI TON. THE TRI TON GVN JMC CHIEF OFFERED
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PROFUSE APOLOGIES TO THE TRI TON ICCS MEMBERS. BOTH THE CANADIANS AND THE POLES REFUSED TO ACCEPT HIS APOLOGIES. THEY HAVE FILED PROTESTS WITH ICCS IN CAN THO.

3. THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT THE INCIDENT WAS PURELY THE ACT OF INDIVIDUALS, AND IT IS BELIEVED THAT ICCS PERSONNEL RECOGNIZE THE FACT. THE CHIEF OF THE CANADIAN DELEGATION SAID THAT ALTHOUGH HE WILL REPORT THE INCIDENT TO HIS GOVERNMENT, HE WILL NOT FILE A PROTEST WITH ICCS SAIGON. HE WILL ALSO URGE THE OTHER DELEGATES TO REFRAIN FROM PROTESTING TO ICCS SAIGON.

4. LATE LAST WEEK, VIETNAMESE MILITARY, BROKE INTO THE QUARTERS OF THE HUNGARIAN AND POLISH ICCS REGION VII DELEGATIONS AT CAN THO AIRFIELD. A HUNGARIAN REPORTEDLY LOST A CLOCK RADIO; IN A SEPARATE BURGLARY THE POLISH CIVILIAN INTERPRETER WAS STRIPPED OF ALL HIS POSSESSIONS (CLOTHING, BLANK CHECKS MONEY, ETC.). THE POLES HAVE WRITTEN A LETTER OF PROTEST TO THE MRIV COMMANDER ASKING FOR FULL RESTITUTION OF THE STOLEN PROPERTY OR COMPENSATION. THE POLISH DELEGATION COMMANDER, FOR THE MOMENT, HAS DECIDED NOT TO FILE A PROTEST WITH ICCS SAIGON. WE UNDERSTAND AT LEAST SEVERAL OF THE THEIVES HAVE BEEN APPREHENDED BUT TO DATE ONLY A SMALL PORTION OF THE STOLEN GOODS HAVE BEEN RETURNED. THE US MP ADVISOR HAS FOLLOWED THE ROBBERY CLOSELY AND IS URGING RAPID RETURN OF ALL GOODS VNAF HAS RECOVERED. EVEN THOUGH THE POLES ARE MOST UPSET, THEY HAVE DECIDED TO TREAT THE MATTER FOR THE PRESENT AS A CRIMINAL AND NOT A POLITICAL AFFAIR. SINCE ONLY THE COMMUNIST BILLETS WERE HIT THEY CLEARLY SUSPECT POLITICAL MOTIVES AND MAY BE PREPARED TO TAKE POLITICAL ISSUE IF THE GVN IS NOT FULLY RESPONSIVE. WISNER UNQUOTE
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